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SUBJ: KOSYGIN AND SOVIET MEDIA ON MIDDLE EAST

1. SUMMARY : KOSYGIN REMARKS ON ME SEEK TO RECONCILE USSR POLICY IN AREA WITH CONTINUED SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE. SOVIET PRESS TAKES U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT ON RESUMED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL IN STRIDE, AND CONTINUES ITS PARALLEL EMPHASIS ON BILATERAL BUSINESS AS USUAL. SOVIET MEDIA USE BOUMEDIENE VISIT TO HIGHLIGHT COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP SUPPORT FOR ARABS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT DINNER OCTOBER 15 IN HONOR OF DANISH PRIME MINISTER
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JORGENSEN, KOSYGIN LATHERED HIS STATMENT WITH REMARKS

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EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING DETENTE. BY LISTING
THE SEARCH FOR A ME SOLUTION AMONG OTHER DETENTE ISSEES,
KOSYGIN PLACED ME SQUARELY WITHIN DETENTE FRAMEWORK.

3. KOSYGIN CAUTIONED THAT ENEMIES OF DETENTE ARE ATTEMPTING
TO USE RENEWAL OF ME WAR TO REVIVE ATMOSPHERE OF COLD WAR.
HE DENIED THAT SOVIET ACTION IN ME IS SOURCE OF TENSION
IN THE AREA AND AFFIRMED SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE
TO JUST, DURABLE PEACE WITH GUARANTEED SECURITY FOR ALL
STATES AND PEOPLES THERE. AT SAME TIME HE UNDERLINED
THAT SOVIET POLICY IS AIMED AT HELPING ARABS LIBERATE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ALLUDING IN CONCLUSION TO THE
BASIC SOVIET DILEMMA ON ME ISSUE, KOSYGIN SAID THAT
SOVIET UNION WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MOVE DETENTE
FURTHER, BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF PRINCIPLE OF RESISTING
IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESUMPTION OF U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO
ISRAEL WAS REPORTEDLY BRIEFLY BUT WITH EYE-CATCHING HEAD-
LINE IN SOVIET PRESS OCTOBER 16. PRAVDA CARRIED TASS ITEM
(PAGE 5) REPORTING MC CLOSKEY ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESUMED
ARMS DELIVERIES, ALONG WITH NEW YORK TASS REPORT (QUOTING
NO SOURCE) THAT ISRAEL HAS REQUESTED 75 PHANTOMS PLUS
TANKS AND ARTILLERY AND AP REPORT THAT U.S. PLANES ARE
TRANSITING AZORES IN LARGE NUMBERS ON EASTERN COURSE.
AT SAME TIME PRAVDA AND SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA PRINTED TASS
ITEM QUOTING NY TIMES TO EFFECT THAT SOVIET -SUPPLIED ARMS
HAVE SHOWN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS ON EGYPTIAN FRONT.

5. IN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO UNDERLINE SOVIET VIEW THAT ME
SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISRUPT US-USSR ECONOMIC
TIES, IZVESTIYA OCTOBER 15 RAN A LONG ARTICLE FROM
NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT (SEPTEL) REPLETE WITH SPECIFIC
EXAMPLES OF EXPANDING BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
IT CONCLUDED THAT "THOSE WHO SEEK TO POISON THE ATMOSPHERE
CANNOT STOP THE COURSE OF EVENTS."

6. PRESS OCTOBER 16 GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO JOINT
SOVIET -ALGERIAN COMMUNIQUE ON BOUMEDIENE OCTOBER 14-15
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VISIT WHICH PREVIOUSLY UNANNOUNCED HERE. COMMUNIQUE
CHARACTERIZES BOUMEDIENE TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS AS
FRIENDLY AND FRANK, AND STATES THAT PARTIES EXCHANGED
VIEWS ON ME AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND AFFIRMED
THEIR DETERMINATION TO ASSIST IN LIBERATION OF ALL ARAB
OCCUPIED LANDS. IN APPARENT EFFORT TO DEMONSTATE SOVIET
LEADERSHIP'S COLLECTIVE SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE, SOVIET
PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED FIVE POLITBURO MEMBERS - BREZHNEV,

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PODGORNIY, KOSYGIN, GROMYKO AND GRECHKO. ALGERIANS
LISTED AS BOUMEDIENE,STATE MINISTER BELKACEM, REVOL-
UTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER DRAYA, ALGERIAN MIN ED BENYAHIA,
ALGERINA AMBASSADOR, AND COMMANDER OF THIRD MILITARY
DISTRICT ZERGINI. ALL MAJOR MOSCOW AM'S FRONT-PAGED
PICTURES OF TALKS.
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